(b) and (c) Recently, the 34th report of the Department related Parliament Standing Committee on Commerce and Textiles on Demand for Grants (1998-99) of the Ministry of Textiles has observed that "many associations, who purchase the yarn at subsidized rates supplied for powerloom and handloom units under this control, but these purchases end up in the open market; the yarn never reaches the people who really need it."

This recommendation has been referred to all State Governments for their confirmation. State Government have been asked to verify the position and also suggest effective remedial measures.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1996-97) of the Air India Limited, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Air India Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Company.

II. Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (I) above.

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I. Report (1998) on the Working and Administration of the Companies Act, 1956.

II. Notification of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs.

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. THAMBI DURAI): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Forty-second Annual Report on the Working and Administration of the Com panies Act, 1956 for the year ended on March 31, 1998, under section 638 of the said Act,

[Placed in Library. *See* No. LT. 176398]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Com pany Affairs (Department of Legal Af fairs) Notification G.S.R. 547 (E), dated the 31st August, 1998, publishing the Notaries- (Amendment) Rules, 1998, re garding amendment in Form II-B by substituting the words "three years" for the words "five years" with retrospective effect, under sub-section (3) of section 15 of the Notaries Act, 1952.

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Reports and Accounts (1997-98) of the Various Power Corporations and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGLAM): Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Nathpa Jhakri Power Corporation Limited, New Shimla, for the year 1997-98 together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Govrnment on the working of the above Corporation.

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(ii) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Power Finance Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year

1997-98, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

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(iii) Twenty-Second Annual Report and Accounts of the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited, New Delhi, for the year 1997-98, togethe with the Auditors Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

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Reports and Accounts (1997-98) of various Textile and Handloom Corporations Associations and Councils and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): Sir, I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Fifteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the National Handloom Development Corporation Limited Lucknow, for the year 1997-98 together with the Auditors' Report on the Account and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Corporation.

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II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Eighteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Man Made Textiles Research Association, Surat (Gujarat) for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Association.

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(ii) (a) Forty-eighth Annual Reort and Accounts of the Silk and Art Silk Mills Research Association, Mumbai, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

Review by Government on the working of the above Association.

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(iii) (a) Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts, New Delhi, for the year 1997-98, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

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(iv) (a) Fifteenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Silk Export Promotion Council, Mumbai, for the year 1997-98, together With the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

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Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of Sction 9 of the National Highways Act, 1956 a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Road Wing) Notification G.S.R. 417(E), dated July 31, 1998 publishing the National Highways (Amendment) Rules, 1998.

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